

Swimming pool maintenance at
USEU/EMR (R-136)

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SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS <i>OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 24, & 30</i>				1. REQUISITION NUMBER		Page 1 of 35	
CONTRACT NO.		3. AWARD/EFFECTIVE DATE		4. ORDER NUMBER		5. SOLICITATION NUMBER S-BE200-09-Q-0011	
7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL		a. NAME Danny Coppens coppensdm@state.gov				b. TELEPHONE NUMBER(No collect calls) 02/508.23.49	
9. ISSUED BY AMERICAN EMBASSY		CODE		10. THIS ACQUISITION IS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNRESTRICTED <input type="checkbox"/> SET ASIDE: % FOR <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> 8(A) NAICS: SIZE STD:		11. DELIVERY FOR FOB DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED <input type="checkbox"/> SEE SCHEDULE <input type="checkbox"/> 13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700) 13b. RATING 14. METHOD OF SOLICITATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RFQ <input type="checkbox"/> IFB <input type="checkbox"/> RFP	
15. DELIVER TO See Attachment "A" for location to be serviced		CODE		16. ADMINISTERED BY AMERICAN EMBASSY, JAS/GSO			
17a. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR		CODE		FACILITY CODE		18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY American Embassy Financial Management Center Regentlaan 25 1000 Brussels	
<input type="checkbox"/> 17b. CHECK IF REMITTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND PUT SUCH ADDRESS IN OFFER				18b. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK 18a UNLESS BLOCK BELOW IS CHECKED <input type="checkbox"/> SEE ADDENDUM			
19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES			21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
	Routine maintenance of indoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi, including furnishing of all the necessary chemicals and water treatment products, at Avenue des Myrtilles 55, 1180 Brussels (R-136 USEU/EMR) ----- (Use Reverse and/or Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary)						€
25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA						26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Govt. Use Only) €	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARE ARE NOT ATTACHED. <input type="checkbox"/> 27b. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-5 IS ATTACHED. ADDENDA <input type="checkbox"/> ARE <input type="checkbox"/> ARE NOT ATTACHED.							
<input type="checkbox"/> 28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN ORIGINAL TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED HEREIN.				<input type="checkbox"/> 29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REF. _____ OFFER DATED _____. YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN, IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS:			
30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR				31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER)			
30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (TYPE OR PRINT)		30c. DATE SIGNED		31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or Print) Tomekah L. Burl, Contracting Officer		31c. DATE SIGNED	

STANDARD FORM SF-1449 (REV 4/2002)

Request for Quotations S-BE200-09-Q-0011
Maintenance of swimming pool at USEU/EMR (R-136)

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SECTION 1 - THE SCHEDULE

CONTINUATION TO SF-1449, RFQ S-BE200-09-Q-0011 PRICES, BLOCK 23

I. PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT

I.A. General

The purpose of this firm fixed price contract is for routine maintenance of the indoor swimming pool and jacuzzi at Avenue des Myrtilles 55, 1180 Bruxelles (USEU/EMR R-136), as described in the Work Description on page 6. In case of disputes between the contractor's documents and those included in the Embassy contract, the Embassy's will take precedence.

I.B. Contract Type

The contract type is a firm fixed price contract for routine swimming pool maintenance services paid at the yearly rate below.

I.C. Contract Term

The contract will be for one-year starting March 1, 2009 and continuing for 12 months, with four one-year options(s) to renew.

The Contractor shall provide all required types of maintenance service on Friday between the hours of 08:30 and 17:30 Hrs, excluding official holidays.

In order for the option(s) to be exercised at the prices indicated in this contract, the Government shall prepare a yearly modification to this contract exercising this option.

II. PRICING – GENERAL

The Contractor shall complete all work, including furnishing of labor, material, equipment and services, required under this contract, for properly performing the necessary maintenance of the indoor swimming pool and jacuzzi. The contract prices described below are **FIXED AND UNCHANGEABLE** for the base year contract period and four option years.

No other charges will be accepted, except replacement of parts that were found defective during the maintenance visits and any other technical interventions than those described in the Work Description on page 6. This also includes any cost of living adjustments or any other cost increases during the course of the contract.

All prices shall be in Euro (€) and without VAT, of which the Embassy is exempted.

III. PRICING

All-inclusive annual cost covering 52 weekly visits. The price is to remain firm and fixed throughout the contract year.

III.A. BASE YEAR PRICE (March 1, 2009 – February 28, 2010)

All-inclusive weekly cost	€
	X 52 weeks
Total all-inclusive cost during the Base Year	€

III.B. OPTION YEAR 1 PRICE (March 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011)

All-inclusive weekly cost	€
	X 52 weeks
Total all-inclusive cost during Option Year 1	€

III.C. OPTION YEAR 2 PRICE (March 1, 2011 – February 29, 2012)

All-inclusive weekly cost	€
	X 52 weeks
Total all-inclusive cost during Option Year 2	€

III.D. OPTION YEAR 3 PRICE (March 1, 2012 – February 28, 2013)

All-inclusive weekly cost	€
	X 52 weeks
Total all-inclusive cost during Option Year 3	€

III.E. OPTION YEAR 4 PRICE (March 1, 2013 – February 28, 2014)

All-inclusive weekly cost	€
	X 52 weeks
Total all-inclusive cost during Option Year 4	€

III.F GRAND TOTAL

BASE YEAR TOTAL	€
OPTION YEAR 1 TOTAL	€
OPTION YEAR 2 TOTAL	€
OPTION YEAR 3 TOTAL	€
OPTION YEAR 4 TOTAL	€
GRAND TOTAL	€

IV EFFECTIVE ORDERING PERIOD

After contract award, the Contracting Officer shall issue a Notice to Proceed. The Notice to Proceed will establish a date (a minimum of ten (10) days from date of contract award unless the Contractor agrees to an earlier date on which performance shall start.

The Government may extend this contract under FAR 52.217-9 "Option to Extend the Term of the Contract" and 52.217-8, "Option to Extend Services".

CONTINUATION TO SF-1449, SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES, BLOCK 20,
DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

A. Work Description.

The contractor shall perform a total of 52 weekly visits, scheduled each Friday, between the hours of 08:30 and 17:30 Hrs, excluding official holidays, during which the contractor will perform a number of tasks including but not be limited to routine maintenance on the indoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi located at avenue des Myrtilles 55, 1180 Brussels, to keep the installation in optimum working condition at all times.

The contractor will undertake everything necessary to clean the pool and Jacuzzi, see that the filtering system, pump, heating system (if present) and other components hereof such as the automatic sterilization, pool floodlight, switch panel, automatic pool cover, and other attached components are operating safely and properly.

As part of the weekly maintenance visits the contractor will also perform water quality checks and verify the water chemistry every visit.

Also included in the contract price are all the necessary chemicals and other water treatment products to keep the quality of the swimming water in an excellent and healthy condition at all times. The Contractor shall provide all necessary managerial, administrative and direct labor personnel, as well as all necessary transportation, equipment tools, supplies and materials required to perform the work, as described in Section A.

Replacing of parts that were found defective during these maintenance visits and any other technical intervention are not included. If needed, the contractor will identify the defective part and provide a timely estimate for cost and repair. The part(s) and repair service(s) will be ordered under a separate Purchase Order.

B. Work Schedule.

Scheduled and timely performance is essential under this contract. The contractor shall, **one month in advance**, submit a complete work schedule for each location listed in this contract. This schedule will indicate the date and time (A.M - P.M.) for each inspection. The COR (Contracting Officer's Representative) will then review it, and if necessary request changes to this schedule. Once a definite work schedule has been established, the contractor will follow it strictly. The Embassy shall, in case of an emergency, have the right to make last minute changes to the schedule, in mutual agreement with the contractor. The Embassy will under no circumstances accept claims from the contractor for services that were refused, or could not be executed, because they were presented at a time other than established in the work schedule or as mutually agreed.

C. Reports

After execution of each inspection, the contractor shall make a full report of his findings and forward such to the COR. Payment will be refused in case the contractor fails to forward these reports. Each report must contain the following information:

- Date;
- Time of arrival and departure of the technician;
- Description of the services;
- Name and signature of the technician;
- Name and signature of the recipient.

D. Quality Assurance Plan (QAP)

This plan is designed to provide an effective surveillance method to promote effective contractor performance. The QAP provides a method for the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to monitor contractor performance, advise the contractor of unsatisfactory performance, and notify the Contracting Officer of continued unsatisfactory performance. The contractor, not the Government, is responsible for management and quality control to meet the terms of the contract. The role of the Government is to conduct quality assurance to ensure that contract standards are achieved.

Performance Objective	PWS Para.	Performance Threshold
Services: Performs the necessary maintenance of the swimming pool and jacuzzi at Avenue des Myrtilles 55, 1180 Bruxelles (USEU/EMR R-136) set forth in the Performance Work Statement (PWS)	Paragraphs (A), (B), (C),	All required services are performed and no more than two (2) customer complaints are received per year

D.1. Surveillance.

The COR will receive and document all complaints from Government personnel regarding the services provided. If appropriate, the COR will send the complaints to the Contractor for corrective action.

D.2. Standard.

The performance standard is that the Government receives no more than two (2) customer complaints per year. The COR shall notify the Contracting Officer of the complaints so that the Contracting Officer may take appropriate action to enforce the inspection clause (FAR 52.212.4, Contract Terms and Conditions-Commercial Items (Sept 2005), if any of the services exceed the standard.

D. 3. Procedures

- (a) If any Government personnel observe unacceptable services, either incomplete work or required services not being performed they should immediately contact the COR.
- (b) The COR will complete appropriate documentation to record the complaint.
- (c) If the COR determines the complaint is invalid, the COR will advise the complainant. The COR will retain the annotated copy of the written complaint for his/her files.
- (d) If the COR determines the complaint is valid, the COR will inform the Contractor

and give the Contractor additional time to correct the defect, if additional time is available. The COR shall determine how much time is reasonable.

(e) The COR shall, as a minimum, orally notify the Contractor of any valid complaints.

(f) If the Contractor disagrees with the complaint after investigation of the site and challenges the validity of the complaint, the Contractor will notify the COR. The COR will review the matter to determine the validity of the complaint.

(g) The COR will consider complaints as resolved unless notified otherwise by the complainant.

(h) Repeat customer complaints are not permitted for any services. If a repeat customer complaint is received for the same deficiency during the service period, the COR will contact the Contracting Officer for appropriate action under the Inspection clause.

E. Invoice Requirements and Payment

(a) The Contractor shall submit an invoice on a monthly basis in an original and 1 copy, **WITHOUT ANY VAT** (Value Added Tax), for services rendered to the payment office at the address shown in paragraph (d) below. Payments shall be authorized against Contractor's proper invoices that have been approved by the COR or designee.

Payment will be made in accordance with FAR 52.232-25 Prompt Payment in Section 2, upon certification of satisfactory performance by the COR.

Contractor's original invoices are payable in full within 30 days after receipt of a valid invoice.

A proper invoice must include the following information.

- (1) Contractor's name and bank account information (for payments by wire transfers), or Contractor's name and mailing address (for payments by checks)
- (2) Invoice date.
- (3) Embassy Contract number
- (4) Summary of services with the following additional information:
- (5) Prompt payment discount, if any.

- (6) Name, Title, Phone Number, and address of person to contact in case of a defective invoice.

(b) If an invoice does not contain the above information, the Government reserves the right to reject the invoice as improper and return it to the Contractor within seven calendar days. The Contractor must then submit a proper invoice.

(c) It shall be the COR who will interact with the Contractor on any invoice problems.

(d) The contractor shall send invoices to:

**American Embassy,
Financial Management Center,
Regentlaan 27 Bd. du Régent,
1000 Brussels.**

(e) The designated Government payment office for this contract is also shown in Block 18a of Standard Form 1449, "Solicitation, Contract, Order for Commercial Items".

(f) Payment shall be made in EURO.

ATTACHMENT “ A “
PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT
LIST OF LOCATIONS/FREQUENCY OF VISITS

LOCATION

FREQUENCY OF VISITS

Avenue des Myrtilles 55, 1180 Brussels

52 weekly visits per year

ATTACHMENT “ B “ HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

652.237-72 OBSERVANCE OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE (APR 2004)

(a) The Department of State observes the following days as holidays in 2009

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
New Year's Day	Thursday	Jan 1
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Monday	Jan 19
Washington's Birthday	Monday	Feb 16
Good Friday	Friday	April 10
Easter Monday	Monday	April 13
Labor Day	Friday	May 1
Ascension Day	Thursday	May 21
Memorial Day	Monday	May 25
Whit Monday	Monday	June 1
*Independence Day (observed on)	Friday	July 3
National Day	Tuesday	July 21
*Assumption Day (observed on)	Friday	Aug 14
Labor Day	Monday	Sep 7
Columbus Day	Monday	Oct 12
*All Saints Day (observed on)	Monday	Nov 2
Veterans Day	Wednesday	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	Nov 26
Christmas Day	Friday	Dec 25
*Boxing Day (observed on)	Monday	Dec 28

Any other day designated by Federal law, Executive Order, or Presidential Proclamation.

(b) When any such day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday is observed. Observance of such days by Government personnel shall not be cause for additional period of performance or entitlement to compensation except as set forth in the contract.

SECTION 2 - CONTRACT CLAUSES

FAR 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions -- Commercial Items (SEP 2005), is incorporated by reference. (See SF-1449, block 27a).

ADDENDUM to FAR 52.212-4
None

52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders - Commercial Items (SEPT 2006)

- (a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

- (1) 52.233-3, Protest after Award (AUG 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).
- (2) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Public L. 108-77, 108-78).

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the contracting officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate]

	Clause Number and Title
X	(1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government, with Alternate I (41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402) (SEPT 2006). <i>[Check if order exceeds \$100,000]</i>
	(2) – (14) [Reserved].
	(15) 52.222-19, Child Labor – Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN 2006) (E.O. 13126). <i>[Check if order is for supplies and exceeds the micro-purchase threshold]</i>
	(16) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (FEB 1999). <i>[Check if the following apply: for supplies, the order exceeds \$10,000 and is awarded to a U.S. firm. For services, the order exceeds \$10,000 and is awarded to a U.S. firm whose employees who will be performing the work were recruited within the U.S.]</i>
	(17) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (APR 2002) (E.O. 11246). <i>[Check if the following apply: for supplies, the order exceeds \$10,000 and is awarded to a U.S. firm. For services, the order exceeds \$10,000 and is awarded to a U.S. firm whose employees who will be performing the work were recruited within the U.S.]</i>
	(18) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (SEPT 2006) (38 U.S.C. 4212). <i>[Check if the following apply: for supplies, the order exceeds \$10,000 and is awarded to a U.S. firm. For services, the order exceeds \$10,000 and is awarded to a U.S. firm whose employees who will be performing the work were recruited within the U.S.]</i>
	(19) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 1998) (29

	U.S.C. 793). <i>[Check if the following apply: for supplies, the order exceeds \$10,000 and is awarded to a U.S. firm. For services, the order exceeds \$10,000 and is awarded to a U.S. firm whose employees who will be performing the work were recruited within the U.S.]</i>
	(20) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (SEPT 2006) (38 U.S.C. 4212). <i>[Check if you have included the clause 52.222-35]</i>
	(21) 52.222-39, Notification of Employee Rights Concerning Payment of Union Dues or Fees (DEC 2004) (E.O. 13201). <i>[check if over \$100,000]</i>
	(22) – (24) [Reserved].
	(25) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (JUNE 2006) (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note). <i>[Check if the order is for supplies and the amount exceeds \$193,000]</i>
X	(26) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (FEB 2006) (E.O.s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury). <i>[Check if the order is for either supplies or services and the amount exceeds the micro-purchase threshold, <u>unless</u> authorized by OFAC]</i>
	(27) – (30) [Reserved].
	(31) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer – Central Contractor Registration (OCT 2003) (31 U.S.C. 3332). <i>[Check if payment will be made by EFT and the contractor has registered in the CCR]</i>
X	(32) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer – Other than Central Contractor Registration (MAY 1999) (31 U.S.C. 3332). <i>[Check if payment will be made by either EFT or other means, e.g., check, and the contractor has not registered in the CCR]</i>
	(33) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (MAY 1999) (31 U.S.C. 3332). <i>[Check if payment will be made by a third party, e.g., purchase card]</i>
	(34) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (AUG 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a). <i>[Check if the order is for information technology which requires security of information technology, and/or is for the design, development, or operation of a system of records using commercial information technology services or support services]</i>
	(35)(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). <i>[Check if the order is for supplies that may involve ocean transportation: at least 50% of the gross tonnage must be transported on privately owned U.S.-flag commercial vessels to the extent that such vessels are available at rates that are fair and reasonable for U.S.-flag commercial vessels]</i>
	(ii) Alternate I (APR 2003) of 52.247-64. <i>[Check if 100% of the supplies will be transported on privately owned U.S.-flag commercial vessels]</i>
	52.249-2, Termination for Convenience (Fixed-Price) (MAY 2004)

(c) [Reserved]

(d) *Comptroller General Examination of Record.* The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records -- Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of

the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e)(1) *[This paragraph applies only if award is made to a U.S. firm]* Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in paragraphs (i) through (vi) of this paragraph in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause –

(i) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (SEPT 2006) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$550,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(ii) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (APR 2002) (E.O. 11246).

(iii) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (DEC 2001) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

(iv) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 1998) (29 U.S.C. 793).

(v) 52.222-39, Notification of Employee Rights Concerning Payment of Union Dues or Fees (DEC 2004) (E.O. 13201).

(vi) [Reserved].

(vii) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64).

**ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT CLAUSES
FAR AND DOSAR CLAUSES NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12**

52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at: <http://www.arnet.gov/faror>, <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm>

These addresses are subject to change. If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the locations indicated above, use the Dept. of State Acquisition Website at <http://www.statebuy.state.gov> to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet "search engine" (e.g., Yahoo, Excite, Alta Vista, etc.) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

**THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION CLAUSES ARE
INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.225-14	Inconsistency Between English Version and Translation of Contract (FEB 2000)
52.228-4	Workers' Compensation and War-Hazard Insurance Overseas (APR 1984)
52.228-5	Insurance - Work on a Government Installation (JAN 1997)
52.245-4	Government-Furnished Property (Short Form) (JUN 2003) (applies only if Government-furnished property is a part of this purchase order)

THE FOLLOWING FAR CLAUSES ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

52.216-18 ORDERING (OCT 1995)

(a) Any supplies and services to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by issuance of delivery orders or task orders by the individuals or activities designated in the Schedule. Such orders may be issued from date of award through base period or option periods if exercised.

(b) All delivery orders or task orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event of conflict between a delivery order or task order and this contract, the contract shall control.

(c) If mailed, a delivery order or task order is considered "issued" when the Government deposits the order in the mail. Orders may be issued orally, by facsimile, or by electronic commerce methods only if authorized in the Schedule.

52.216-19 ORDER LIMITATIONS. (OCT 1995)

(a) Minimum order. When the Government requires inspections, tests, analysis or examinations by this contract in an amount of **less than 5 visits per year**, the Government is not obligated to purchase, nor is the Contractor obligated to furnish, those services under the contract.

(b) Maximum order. The Contractor is not obligated to honor-

- (1) Any order for a single item **in excess of 100 visits per year**;
- (2) Any order for a combination of items **in excess of 100 visits per year**
- (3) A series of orders from the same ordering office within one week that together call for quantities exceeding the limitation in subparagraph (1) (2) above.

(c) If this is a requirements contract (i.e., includes the Requirement clause at subsection 52.216-21 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)), the Government is not required to order a part of any one requirement from the Contractor if that requirement exceeds the maximum-order limitations in paragraph (b) above.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c) above, the Contractor shall honor any order exceeding the maximum order limitations in paragraph (b), unless that order (or orders) is returned to the ordering office within **(5)** days after issuance, with written notice stating the Contractor's intent not to ship the item (or items) called for and the reasons. Upon receiving this notice, the Government may acquire the services from another source.

52.216-22 INDEFINITE QUANTITY (OCT 1995)

(a) This is a **firm fixed price contract** for the services specified, and effective for the period stated, in the Schedule. The quantities of services specified in the Schedule are estimates only and are not purchased by this contract.

(b) Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. The Contractor shall furnish to the Government, when and if ordered, the services specified in the Schedule up to and including the quantity designated in the Schedule as the "maximum." The Government shall order at least the quantity of services designated in the Schedule as the "minimum."

(c) Except for any limitations on quantities in the Order Limitations clause or in the Schedule, there is no limit on the number of orders that may be issued. The Government may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations.

(d) Any order issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order. The contract shall govern the Contractor's and Government's rights and obligations with respect to that order to the same extent as if the order were completed during the contract's effective period; provided, that the Contractor shall not be required to make any deliveries under this contract after one year beyond the contract's effective period.

52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract.

52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 2000)

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract or within 30 days after funds for the option year become available, whichever is later.

(b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed sixty (60) (months/five (5) years).

52.232-19 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. (APR 1984)

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond September 30 of the current calendar year. The Government's obligation for performance of this contract beyond that date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond

September 30 of the current calendar year, until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for performance and until the Contractor receives notice of availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

52.233-1 DISPUTES. (JULY 2002)

(a) This contract is subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, as amended (41 U.S.C. 601-613).

(b) Except as provided in the Act, all disputes arising under or relating to this contract shall be resolved under this clause.

(c) "Claim," as used in this clause, means a written demand or written assertion by one of the contracting parties seeking, as a matter of right, the payment of money in a sum certain, the adjustment or interpretation of contract terms, or other relief arising under or relating to this contract. However, a written demand or written assertion by the Contractor seeking the payment of money exceeding \$100,000 is not a claim under the Act until certified. A voucher, invoice, or other routine request for payment that is not in dispute when submitted is not a claim under the Act. The submission may be converted to a claim under the Act, by complying with the submission and certification requirements of this clause, if it is disputed either as to liability or amount or is not acted upon in a reasonable time.

(d)(1) A claim by the Contractor shall be made in writing and, unless otherwise stated in this contract, submitted within 6 years after accrual of the claim to the Contracting Officer for a written decision. A claim by the Government against the Contractor shall be subject to a written decision by the Contracting Officer.

(2)(i) The Contractor shall provide the certification specified in paragraph (d)(2)(iii) of this clause when submitting any claim exceeding \$100,000.

(ii) The certification requirement does not apply to issues in controversy that have not been submitted as all or part of a claim.

(iii) The certification shall state as follows: "I certify that the claim is made in good faith; that the supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief; that the amount requested accurately reflects the contract adjustment for which the Contractor believes the Government is liable; and that I am duly authorized to certify the claim on behalf of the Contractor."

(3) The certification may be executed by any person duly authorized to bind the Contractor with respect to the claim.

(e) For Contractor claims of \$100,000 or less, the Contracting Officer must, if requested in writing by the Contractor, render a decision within 60 days of the request. For Contractor-certified claims over \$100,000, the Contracting Officer must, within 60 days, decide the claim or notify the Contractor of the date by which the decision will be made.

(f) The Contracting Officer's decision shall be final unless the Contractor appeals or files a suit as provided in the Act.

(g) If the claim by the Contractor is submitted to the Contracting Officer or a claim by the Government is presented to the Contractor, the parties, by mutual consent, may agree to use alternative dispute resolution (ADR). If the Contractor refuses an offer for ADR, the

Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer, in writing, of the Contractor's specific reasons for rejecting the offer.

(h) The Government shall pay interest on the amount found due and unpaid from (1) the date that the Contracting Officer receives the claim (certified, if required); or (2) the date that payment otherwise would be due, if that date is later, until the date of payment. With regard to claims having defective certifications, as defined in FAR 33.201, interest shall be paid from the date that the Contracting Officer initially receives the claim. Simple interest on claims shall be paid at the rate, fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in the Act, which is applicable to the period during which the Contracting Officer receives the claim and then at the rate applicable for each 6-month period as fixed by the Treasury Secretary during the pendency of the claim.

(i) The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal, or action arising under or relating to the contract, and comply with any decision of the Contracting Officer.

52.243-1 CHANGES – FIXED PRICE. (AUG 1987)

(a) The Contracting Officer may at any time, by written order, and without notice to the sureties, if any, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following:

- (1) Description of services to be performed.
- (2) Time of performance (*i.e.*, hours of the day, days of the week, etc.).
- (3) Place of performance of the services.

(b) If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and shall modify the contract.

(c) The Contractor must assert its right to an adjustment under this clause within 30 days from the date of receipt of the written order. However, if the Contracting Officer decides that the facts justify it, the Contracting Officer may receive and act upon a proposal submitted before final payment of the contract.

(d) If the Contractor's proposal includes the cost of property made obsolete or excess by the change, the Contracting Officer shall have the right to prescribe the manner of the disposition of the property.

(e) Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause. However, nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed.

52.246-4 INSPECTION OF SERVICES – FIXED PRICE. (AUG 1996)

- (a) *Definition.* "Services," as used in this clause, includes services performed, workmanship, and material furnished or utilized in the performance of services.

(b) The Contractor shall provide and maintain an inspection system acceptable to the Government covering the services under this contract. Complete records of all inspection work performed by the Contractor shall be maintained and made available to the Government during contract performance and for as long afterwards as the contract requires.

(c) The Government has the right to inspect and test all services called for by the contract, to the extent practicable at all times and places during the term of the contract. The Government shall perform inspections and tests in a manner that will not unduly delay the work.

(d) If the Government performs inspections or tests on the premises of the Contractor or a subcontractor, the Contractor shall furnish, and shall require subcontractors to furnish, at no increase in contract price, all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient performance of these duties.

(e) If any of the services do not conform with contract requirements, the Government may require the Contractor to perform the services again in conformity with contract requirements, at no increase in contract amount. When the defects in services cannot be corrected by reperformance, the Government may—

(1) Require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to contract requirements; and

(2) Reduce the contract price to reflect the reduced value of the services performed.

(f) If the Contractor fails to promptly perform the services again or to take the necessary action to ensure future performance in conformity with contract requirements, the Government may—

(1) By contract or otherwise, perform the services and charge to the Contractor any cost incurred by the Government that is directly related to the performance of such service; or

(2) Terminate the contract for default.

52.249-8 DEFAULT (FIXED-PRICE SUPPLY AND SERVICE) (APR 1984)

(a)(1) The Government may, subject to paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate this contract in whole or in part if the Contractor fails to—

(i) Deliver the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension;

(ii) Make progress, so as to endanger performance of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause); or

(iii) Perform any of the other provisions of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause).

(2) The Government's right to terminate this contract under subdivisions (a)(1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this clause, may be exercised if the Contractor does not cure such failure within 10 days (or more if authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer) after receipt of the notice from the Contracting Officer specifying the failure.

(b) If the Government terminates this contract in whole or in part, it may acquire, under the terms and in the manner the Contracting Officer considers appropriate, supplies or services similar to those terminated, and the Contractor will be liable to the Government for any excess costs for those supplies or services. However, the Contractor shall continue the work not terminated.

(c) Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include (1) acts of God or of the public enemy, (2) acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) quarantine restrictions, (7) strikes, (8) freight embargoes, and (9) unusually severe weather. In each instance the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

(d) If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

(e) If this contract is terminated for default, the Government may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the Government, as directed by the Contracting Officer, any (1) completed supplies, and (2) partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (collectively referred to as "manufacturing materials" in this clause) that the Contractor has specifically produced or acquired for the terminated portion of this contract. Upon direction of the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall also protect and preserve property in its possession in which the Government has an interest.

(f) The Government shall pay contract price for completed supplies delivered and accepted. The Contractor and Contracting Officer shall agree on the amount of payment for manufacturing materials delivered and accepted and for the protection and preservation of the property. Failure to agree will be a dispute under the Disputes clause. The Government may withhold from these amounts any sum the Contracting Officer determines to be necessary to protect the Government against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.

(g) If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Government.

(h) The rights and remedies of the Government in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR CLAUSES ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

652.216-70 ORDERING - INDEFINITE-DELIVERY CONTRACT (APR 2004)

The Government shall use one of the following forms to issue orders under this contract:

- (a) The Optional Form 347, *Order for Supplies or Services*, and Optional Form 348, *Order for Supplies or Services Schedule - Continuation*; or,
- (b) The DS-2076, *Purchase Order, Receiving Report and Voucher*, and DS-2077, *Continuation Sheet*.
- (c) The SF-30, *Modification of Contract*.

652.232-70 PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND INVOICE SUBMISSION (FIXED-PRICE) (AUG 1999)

- (a) General. The Government shall pay the contractor as full compensation for all work required, performed, and accepted under this contract the firm fixed-price stated in this contract.
- (b) Invoice Submission. The contractor shall submit invoices, without VAT (Value Added Tax), in an original and 1 copy to the office identified in Block 18b of the SF-1449. To constitute a proper invoice, the invoice shall include all the items required by FAR 32.905(e).
- (c) Contractor Remittance Address. The Government will make payment to the contractor's address stated on the cover page of this contract, unless a separate remittance address is shown below:

652.237-72 OBSERVANCE OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE (APR 2004)

All work shall be performed during regular workdays between the hours of 0800 and 1700, except for official Belgian, US, and Local/EU holidays as shown on Attachment " B ". The Contracting Officer's Representative may approve other hours. Notice must be given 24 hours in advance to the COR who will consider any deviation from the hours identified above.

- a) The Department of State observes all holidays as shown on Attachment " B " and any other day designated by Federal law, Executive Order or Presidential Proclamation.
- (b) When any such day falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday is observed; when any such day falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is observed. Observance of such days by Government personnel shall not be cause for additional period of performance or entitlement to compensation except as set forth in the contract.

652.242-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) AUG 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer may designate in writing one or more Government employees, by name or position title, to take action for the Contracting Officer under this contract. Each designee shall be identified as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Such designation(s) shall specify the scope and limitations of the authority so delegated; provided, that the designee shall not change the terms or conditions of the contract, unless the COR is a warranted Contracting Officer and this authority is delegated in the designation.

(b) The **COR** for this contract is the **Maintenance Supervisor**, or his designate.

652.225-71 SECTION 8(A) OF THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1979, AS AMENDED (AUG 1999)

(a) Section 8(a) of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)), prohibits compliance by U.S. persons with any boycott fostered by a foreign country against a country which is friendly to the United States and which is not itself the object of any form of boycott pursuant to United States law or regulation. The Boycott of Israel by Arab League countries is such a boycott, and therefore, the following actions, if taken with intent to comply with, further, or support the Arab League Boycott of Israel, are prohibited activities under the Export Administration Act:

(1) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to do business with or in Israel, with any Israeli business concern, or with any national or resident of Israel, or with any other person, pursuant to an agreement of, or a request from or on behalf of a boycotting country;

(2) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to employ or otherwise discriminating against any person on the basis of race, religion, sex, or national origin of that person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such person;

(3) Furnishing information with respect to the race, religion, or national origin of any U.S. person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such U.S. person;

(4) Furnishing information about whether any person has, has had, or proposes to have any business relationship (including a relationship by way of sale, purchase, legal or commercial representation, shipping or other transport, insurance, investment, or supply) with or in the State of Israel, with any business concern organized under the laws of the State of Israel, with any Israeli national or resident, or with any person which is known or believed to be restricted from having any business relationship with or in Israel;

(5) Furnishing information about whether any person is a member of, has made contributions to, or is otherwise associated with or involved in the activities of any charitable or fraternal organization which supports the State of Israel; and,

(a) Paying, honoring, confirming, or otherwise implementing a letter of credit which contains any condition or requirement against doing business with the State of Israel.

(b) Under Section 8(a), the following types of activities are not forbidden "compliance with the boycott," and are therefore exempted from Section 8(a)'s prohibitions listed in paragraphs (a)(1)-(6) above:

(1) Complying or agreeing to comply with requirements:

(i) Prohibiting the import of goods or services from Israel or goods produced or services provided by any business concern organized under the laws of Israel or by nationals or residents of Israel; or,

(ii) Prohibiting the shipment of goods to Israel on a carrier of Israel, or by a route other than that prescribed by the boycotting country or the recipient of the shipment;

(2) Complying or agreeing to comply with import and shipping document requirements with respect to the country of origin, the name of the carrier and route of shipment, the name of the supplier of the shipment or the name of the provider of other services, except that no information knowingly furnished or conveyed in response to such requirements may be stated in negative, blacklisting, or similar exclusionary terms, other than with respect to carriers or route of shipments as may be permitted by such regulations in order to comply with precautionary requirements protecting against war risks and confiscation;

(3) Complying or agreeing to comply in the normal course of business with the unilateral and specific selection by a boycotting country, or national or resident thereof, of carriers, insurance, suppliers of services to be performed within the boycotting country or specific goods which, in the normal course of business, are identifiable by source when imported into the boycotting country;

(4) Complying or agreeing to comply with the export requirements of the boycotting country relating to shipments or transshipments of exports to Israel, to any business concern of or organized under the laws of Israel, or to any national or resident of Israel;

(5) Compliance by an individual or agreement by an individual to comply with the immigration or passport requirements of any country with respect to such individual or any member of such individual's family or with requests for information regarding requirements of employment of such individual within the boycotting country; and,

(6) Compliance by a U.S. person resident in a foreign country or agreement by such person to comply with the laws of that country with respect to his or her activities exclusively therein, and such regulations may contain exceptions for such resident complying with the laws or regulations of that foreign country governing imports into such country of trademarked, trade named, or similarly specifically identifiable products, or components of products for his or her own use, including the performance of contractual services within that country, as may be defined by such regulations.

652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(a) The contractor warrants the following:

(1) That is has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;

(2) That it has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,

(3) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.

(b) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

SECTION 3 - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

FAR 52.212-1, INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (SEPT 2006), IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. (SEE SF-1449, BLOCK 27A).

ADDENDUM TO 52.212-1

A. **SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS.** Each offer must consist of the following:

A.1 SF-1449. A completed solicitation, in which the SF-1449 cover page (blocks 12, 17, 24 and 30 as appropriate), and Sections 1 and 5 have been filled out.

A.2. **INFORMATION.** Information demonstrating the offeror's/quoter's ability to perform, including:

(1) Name of a Account Manager (or other liaison to the Embassy) who understands written and spoken English;

(2) Evidence that the offeror/quoter operates an established business with a permanent address and telephone listing;

(3) List of clients, demonstrating prior experience with relevant past performance information and references;

(4) Evidence that the offeror/quoter can provide the necessary personnel, equipment, and financial resources needed to perform the work;

(5) Evidence that the offeror/quoter has all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section 2).

Any other written information that will provide proof of technical and financial responsibility of the company.

A.3. IF REQUIRED BY THE SOLICITATION, PROVIDE EITHER:

- (a) a copy of the Certificate of Insurance, or
- (b) a statement that the contractor will obtain the required insurance, and the name of the insurance provider to be used.

B. **PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING**

B.1 A pre-proposal site visit will be held **on Monday, January 26 at 11:00 a.m.** at R-136, Av. Des Myrtilles 55, 1180 Uccle, to allow offerors to view the pool and Jacuzzi and discuss any technical/administrative requirements of this solicitation. **Offerors interested in attendance should contact the following individual, preferably in writing, to confirm your attendance and assure access to the building by providing the names of the attendees. No more than 2 persons per company may attend:**

Name: Danny Coppens
E-mail: Coppensdm@state.gov
Fax: 02/508.20.37
Tel: 02.508.23.49

B.2 Offerors are urged to submit written questions, if any, at least three days before the scheduled site visit date, using the address provided in block 9 of Standard Form 1449, SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS, of this solicitation, or by e-mailing or faxing the questions to the above e-mail address/fax number, marked to the attention of the above-named individual.

B.3 Attendees may also bring written questions to the site visit; however, if the answer requires research, there is no guarantee that the question will be able to be answered at that meeting/site visit.

B.4 The Government's statements at the pre-proposal site visit shall not be considered to be a change to the RFQ unless a written amendment is issued.

B.5 Following the site visit, all prospective offerors who received a copy of the solicitation will be provided a copy of all questions presented in writing prior to the meeting, along with answers. If the answer requires a change to the RFQ, a solicitation amendment will also be issued.

B.6 The site visit meeting will be held in English but some Dutch and French translation will be available.

**ADDENDUM TO SOLICITATION PROVISIONS
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISIONS NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12**

52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at:

<http://www.arnet.gov/far> or <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm>

These addresses are subject to change. IF the FAR is not available at the locations indicated above, use of an Internet "search engine" (e.g., Yahoo, Infoseek, Alta Vista, etc.) is suggested to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR provisions.

**THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION SOLICITATION PROVISIONS
ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.204-6	Contractor Identification Number --Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)Number (JUN 1999)
52.214-34	Submission of Offers in the English Language (APR 1991)

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR PROVISION(S) IS/ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

652.206-70 COMPETITION ADVOCATE/OMBUDSMAN (AUG 1999)

(a) The Department of State's Competition Advocate is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged to first contact the contracting officer for the respective solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact the Department of State Competition Advocate on (703) 516-1680, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: Department of State, Competition Advocate, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 603, SA-6, Washington, DC 20522-0602.

(b) The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the preaward and postaward phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are

invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman, Mrs. Andrea J. Nelson, at 02/508.2350. For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman.

(c) Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1680, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 603, SA-6, Washington, DC 20522-0602.

Acquisition Method: The Government is conducting this acquisition using the simplified acquisition procedures in Part 13 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). If the dollar amount exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold, then the Government will be using the test program for commercial items authorized by Subpart 13.5 of the FAR.

SECTION 4 - EVALUATION FACTORS

The Government intends to award a contract/purchase order resulting from this solicitation to the lowest priced, technically acceptable offeror/quoter who is a responsible contractor. The evaluation process shall include the following:

(a) **COMPLIANCE REVIEW**. The Government will perform an initial review of proposals/quotations received to determine compliance with the terms of the solicitation. The Government may reject as unacceptable proposals/quotations that do not conform to the solicitation.

(b) **TECHNICAL ACCEPTABILITY**. Technical acceptability will include a review of past performance and experience as defined in Section 3, along with any technical information provided by the offeror with its proposal/quotation.

(c) **PRICE EVALUATION**. The lowest price will be determined by adding up the totals of the Base Year and all Option Years and arriving at a grand total. The Government reserves the right to reject proposals that are unreasonably low or high in price.

(d) **RESPONSIBILITY DETERMINATION**. The Government will determine contractor responsibility by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:

- adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;
- ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
- satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them;
- necessary equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them; and
- otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

**ADDENDUM TO EVALUATION FACTORS
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISION(S) NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12**

THE FOLLOWING FAR PROVISIONS ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

52.217-5 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (JUL 1990)

The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. Evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

SECTION 5 - REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

**52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS – COMMERCIAL
ITEMS (SEPT 2006)**

An offeror shall complete only paragraph (j) of this provision if the offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at <http://orca.bpn.gov>. If an offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at the ORCA website, the offeror shall complete only paragraphs (b) through (i) of this provision.

(a) [Reserved]

(b) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) (26 U.S.C. 6109, 31 U.S.C. 7701). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to a central contractor registration database to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (b)(3) through (b)(5) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(2) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

(3) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

___ TIN: _____.

___ TIN has been applied for.

___ TIN is not required because:

___ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the U.S. and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;

___ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

___ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(4) Type of Organization.

___ Sole Proprietorship;

___ Partnership:

___ Corporate Entity (not tax-exempt);

___ Corporate Entity (tax-exempt);

___ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

___ Foreign government;

___ International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;

___ Other _____.

(5) Common Parent.

___ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;

___ Name and TIN of common parent;

Name _____.

TIN _____.

(c) – (d) [Reserved]

(e) Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C. 1352). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract.

(f) –(g) Reserved

(h) Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension or Ineligibility for Award (Executive Order 12549). (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror and/or any of its principals--

(1) ☐ Are, ☐ are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency; and

(2) ☐ Have, ☐ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(3) ☐ Are, ☐ are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

(i) Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126). [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at 22.1503(b).]

(1) Listed end products.

Listed End Product	Listed Countries of Origin
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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(2) Certification. [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either (i)(2)(i) or (i)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]

☐ (i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.

☐ (ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

(j) *Place of manufacture.* (Does not apply unless the solicitation is predominantly for the acquisition of manufactured end products.) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly –

- (1) ☐ In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); or
- (2) ☐ Outside the United States.

(k)(1) *Annual Representations and Certifications.* Any changes provided by the offeror in paragraph (k)(2) of this provision do not automatically change the representations and certifications posted on the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website.

(2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the ORCA website at <http://orca.bpn.gov>. After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror verifies by submission of this offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically at FAR 52.212–3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items, have been entered or updated in the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201), except for paragraphs _____.

**ADDENDUM TO OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISION(S) NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12**

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR PROVISION IS PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

652.225-70 ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL (AUG 1999)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person as defined below.

United States person means any United States resident or national (other than an individual resident outside the United States and employed by other than a United States person), any domestic concern (including any permanent domestic establishment of any foreign concern), and any foreign subsidiary or affiliate (including any permanent foreign establishment) of any domestic concern which is controlled in fact by such domestic concern, as provided under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended.

(b) Certification. By submitting this offer, the offeror certifies that it is not:

(1) Taking or knowingly agreeing to take any action, with respect to the boycott of Israel by Arab League countries, which Section 8(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)) prohibits a United States person from taking; or,

(2) Discriminating in the award of subcontracts on the basis of religion.